

the New York *'Herald'* last Sunday contained the following item:

'Fort Worth, Texas, Saturday.—Word reached here to-day from Brownfield, in Terry County, Western Texas, that residents there on Thursday erected a life-size statue of President Eoosevelt after a street fight in which fifty shots, were fired. One person was killed and nine others were wounded. The statue represents Mr. Eoosevelt in hunting costume and stands in the town square.

' Brownfield is one hundred miles from the nearest rail-road, the Texas Pacific. Its population is 1,500, composed largely of cattlemen, cowboys and planters. The erection of the statue was vigorously opposed by democrats and some republicans, but it had already been ordered from Denver by a citizens committee, which refused to turn from its plans. The unveiling was opposed because it was pointed out that Eoosevelt was still President and because the democrats wanted a Bryan statue on the opposite side of the square and the town could not afford both statues.

'Efforts were made to steal the statue and it was buried for a week. When the ceremonies took place on Thursday a band of cowboys made a rush and met a determined crowd. Eevolvers, clubs and fists were freely used, but the statue was not disturbed.

' After the riot a mass meeting was held, at which a compromise was effected whereby it was agreed that should Bryan be elected, his statue should be placed near that of Eoosevelt.'

"I never heard of the statue and indeed I

never heard
of Brownfield before and I think there is
something delightful beyond words in the idea of this
sudden erection of
a statue of me in hunting costume at the cost
of a riot in
which one man was killed and nine wounded;
and the final
compromise by which it was agreed to put up
another statue
of Bryan in case he was elected. I wonder
what that statue
looks like. Who with a sense of humor and a
real zest for
life would not be glad to be prominent in
American politics
at the outset of the 20th century ?"